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1. DECEMBER 5 SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST REPORTED CANCELLATION OF TWELVE PAN AM HONG KONG-TOKYO FLIGHTS (801 AND 846 SIX DAYS EACH PER WEEK) AND TWO BOAC LONDON-HONG KONG-SYDNEY FLIGHTS (809 AND 934). ARTICLE CITED FUEL SHORTAGE IN LONDON AS CAUSE OF BOAC CANCELLATION AND QUOTED PAN AM AS DESCRIBING CUTS AS TEMPORARY.

2. ATTEMPTS TO CONFIRM STORY WITH AIRLINES ELICITED RATHER DIFFERENT VERSION. PAN AM CUTS ARE SELECTIVE AND AD HOC ON A "LOW PRODUCTIVITY BASIS"; I.E. IF THE LOAD FACTOR IS TOO LOW, AN INDIVISUAL FLIGHT WILL BE CANCELLED AND PASSENGERS BOOKED ON ANOTHER FLIGHT THE SAME DAY. OBJECT IS TO CONSERVE FUEL FOR PAYING FLIGHTS. BOAC REPRESENTATIVE SAYS ONLY ONE FLIGHT CANCELLED, AND THAT ON A ONE-TIME BASIS. WITH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS APPROACHING AND HORDES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MISCELLANEOUS RELATIVES ABOUT TO DESCEND ON THE COLONY, BOAC WILL, IF ANYTHING, HAVE TO ADD ADDITIONAL CARRIERS.

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3. CIVAIR OFFICIALS TELL US THEY HAVE NO RPT NO INFORMATION ON ANY PROPOSED CUTS BY SCHEDULED CARRIERS ALTHOUGH SOME NON-SCHEDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CANCELLED ON SHORT NOTICE.

4. PAN AM TELLS US THAT FUEL ALLOTMENTS AT OTHER STOPS (I.E. NOT HONG KONG) ARE POSING SERIOUS PROBLEM (E.G. IN BANGKOK, THE CURRENT FUEL ALLOTMENT WILL CARRY OPERATIONS ONLY THROUGH DECEMBER 21). PAN AM EXPECTS TO PUBLISH A REVISED SCHEDULE, AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER CARRIERS, BY DECEMBER 15. AT THAT TIME, SOME FLIGHTS WILL DEFINITELY BE CURTAILED.
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